Beckham

APRIL 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore, Jr. spent the week end at their home here. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., Kathy and Tammy Martin, Mrs. Connie Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin, A. C., Michael and Edward, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Debbie and Gwen, Miss Susan Doss, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Moore and boys, Tonya Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Neb Moore, Mr. Alvin Reynolds, Angie and Bruce, Mrs. Mabel Moore, Mrs. Robert Dunam and Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pankey and Kim.

Miss Eunice Martin and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard visited Mr. Taylor Coleman in Lynchburg General Hosptial and Miss Adena Abbott of St. John's Nursing Home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drumheller and family are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin visiting in this home Saturday were Mr. Kenneth Steppe, Leslie, Earin and Andy Steppe of Toledo, Ohio, Mr. H. O. Martin was Sunday dinner guest in this home.

E. W. Martin spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin.

Ronnie Morris, Peggy Watkins, Jerry May and Carolyn Morris spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stallings and girls returned to their home in Belvidere, N.C. after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy.

Mrs. H. C. More and her brothrs and sisters and Mrs. O. W. Martin were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Martin honoring David on his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie, Mrs. S. G. Martin, Ronnie Morris, Peggy Watkins, Jerry May and Carolyn Morris were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and rs. Howard Blanks, Jr. and family, of Lynchburg.

Visiting Mr. H. O. Martin Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gardner and Mr. and rs. Jimmy Guill. Mr. Eural Martin and Mrs. Garnett Drinkard visited in this home Saturday.

Gladstone

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore and Vicki visited Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harvey at Callen on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stinson, of Maryland, spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burke Smoot.

Mr. Dick Munday and Wayne, from Baltimore, spent the week end in the home of Mrs. Belle Mundy and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cyrus.

Mrs. Belle Mundy has returned home after spending several weeks in Lynchburg General Hosptial.

Rev. James Williams and family are spending this week in South Carolina visiting relatives.

Rev. Billy Washburn and Mrs. Washburn from North Carolina, visited in the community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris visited in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lewis McDearmon, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown, of Roanoke, spent several days in the home of Mrs. John Spiggle. Others visiting during the week were Mrs. Julia Brown and Mrs. Ronnie Tucker, from Lynchburg, Mrs. Lewis McDearmon, from Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rutledge.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Historic Garden Week in Virginia runs from April 23 to May 1. Many famous estates in the Old Dominion will be on tour lists. I am not ready with my modest garden, although I have been laboring with vigor since had the land prepared. Have out an assortment of zinnia, marigold, potatoes, sunflower, twelve tomato plants, radish, lettuce, beets and carrots, etc. I have a habit of placing the empty seed packet under a small rock beside the row where planted, so if anything comes us I will have a hint of what's up, doc. Well sir, yesterday afternoon, I observed a huge rabbit parked beside the row where I had planted carrots. Brer Rabbit may have a long wait. Also saw a cat in the garden, perhaps looking for birds or mice. And I have a bumper crop of honeysuckle, as well as a convention of honeybees and wasps. What azalea remain of an original thirty, are in full bloom and I brought some into the house and made an arrangement which is still fresh after several days. Note: shake well before bringing flowers into the house, to get shed of insects.

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Lawnmowing is in full swing. It takes an even gallon of gasoline to mower my grass area, back and front. Two installments, once a week is all I can hold up under.

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Thanks for several out - of - state newspapers, including the **St. Petersburg Times** (Florida) sent us by Mrs. Hazel Buchanan. One issue had 256 pages. Noted that Florida has a state goal of ten books per pupil at its public schools. The Clearwater, Fla. high school has 26,691 volumes. I do not know how many books per pupil Appomattox schools have, but they can always use more.

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The interests of Americans are many and varied. Church, family, cars, jobs, clubs, books, gardens, sports, entertainment, the list is endless. Reminds me of a trip we had some years ago down the East Coast. In the Lowlands from South Carolina downward to Florida many thousands, in addition to English, speak a language known as Gullah. One phrase is "What fuh ya is fuh ya." Roughly, that is similar to the Italian, "che sera, sera." Or Whatever is for you, is for you." So must it be.

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For some time the death total on Virginia highways has been running below the figure for last year. But this past week-end was a rough one, and now we are only nine below the 1976 record of same date. Please be a careful driver.

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About time for Spring Clean-Up. Let us make an all-out effort this year. Thousands of visitors drop by our historic county each year, and we want to look our best. For the indoor Clean-Up do not forget basements, attics, pantries and closets.

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Napoleon once asked a friend, "What is wanted for the proper training of young persons in France?" The experienced educator friend replied, "Mothers." Annual Mother's Day is May 8. 'Nuff said.

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I did not check it out, but a group of eighty-five history-mindedpeople from Petersburg were scheduled to follow the line of Lee's Retreat to Appomattox, arriving here Saturday. Tour groups are welcome and hope they visit and linger awhile in the midern, growing Town of Appomattox.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Lions Club To Sponsor Hearing Clinic Saturday

The Appomattox Lions Club will sponsor a hearing clinic Saturday, April 23rd at the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The Mobile Testing Unit of Central Virginia Speech & Hearing Center, Inc. from Lynchburg will be located at the Plaza Saturday to test hearing of any and all citizens in the area who think they have need of the testing.

The new Mobile Unit provides reliable, efficient, and economical audiological services, (including diagnosis if necessary). This unit is a part of a total noise control-hearing conservation program and counseling which allows business and industry to select the precise services they need. The Mobile Unit is the result of years of innovative thinking and planning by the Board of Directors of the Central Virginia Speech — Hearing Center, a non-profit organization. The unit was made possible through financial assistance by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The Mobile Unit is fully sound proof and is equipped to administer six simultaneous hearing tests. The tests are accomplished by a semi-automatic procedure to minimize possible error. The Mobile Unit also has the most modern diagnostic audiological equipment available.

Members of the Appomattox Lions Club invite you to take advantage of this service they are providing citizens of the area.

Rep. Daniel To Head New Panel

Congressman Sam Stratton (D. NY), Chairman of the Investigations Sub-committee, has named Congressman Dan Daniel to chair a newly constituated panel of the Committee on Armed Services to study and oversee military commissaries, exchanges, clubs and all other resale activities.

This panel will conduct an in-depth review of all aspects of these operations, which provide goods and services to members of the armed forces and their families.

Commenting on the assignment, Congressman Daniel said: "These activities represent sales in excess of $7 billion a year. They provide many of the amenities of life for the men and women on active duty and their families."

He added, "One of my first assignments when I came to Congress was on a special subcommittee whose mission was essentially the same. As a result of that committee's findings a number of recom-

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ROBB MAKES BRIEF VISIT TO APPOMATTOX

Charles (Chuck) Robb, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor subject to the June Democratic Primary, made a brief visit to Appomattox on Thursday of last week in a campaign swing through this area of the state.

Robb is shown in photo above with Mrs. Harry Mott, left, and Mrs. Frances Paulette, on the right, who is seen holding her granddaughter, Jennifer Mott.

JAYCEES DONATE TO RESCUE SQUAD

Danny Simpson, left above, of the Appomattox County Jaycees is shown presenting check for $100.00 to Jimmy Rogers, Captain of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad. Proceeds from this check will be used to purchase training equipment for rescue squad members and first aid class instructors.

This is just one more way in which the Appomattox County Jaycees are helping the citizens of Appomattox County.

MEMBER-MEMBER GOLF TOURNEY AT F. R. C. C. SET FOR APRIL 23 - 24

Registrations for the annual Member-Member Golf Tournament, to be played April 23 and 24 at Falling River Country Club, are now being accepted.

Male members, 16 years and over, should contact Warren Moser, Pro, at 352-7037 and indicate their preference for morning or afternoon play.

Participants will be limited to 68 teams. Entry fee of $5.00 for each member playing will be included in the next billing.

Refreshments will be served both days.

Flights will be established after 18 holes of play.

PARADE ROUTE PLANNED

MISS APPOMATTOX PAGENT PARADE has been planned for this Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. the parade route begins at Fidelity Branch Bank parking lot and continues to Court, Main, Church, and Highland. Come watch the parade and join in the fun!

MEETING SET APRIL 25th FOR MONROE LODGE # 301

A called meeting for Monroe Lodge #301 AF & AM will be held April 25, 1977 at 7 P.M. for work in the First and Second Degree.

R. G. (Bob) Holt
Worshipful Master

Participated In International Education Exchange Program

Eugene Peyton, Principal of Riner Elementary School, recently returned from Chili, South America, where he participated in an international educator exchange program.

Peyton's three-week visit was a part of the International School Exchange Program designed to "pair" schools in different countries for the exchange of curriculum ideas and teaching strategies, sharing of cultural differences, promoting international relationships, and discussing and resolving universal educational problems.

According to a pact approved by the Montgomery County School Board in the fall of 1975, Riner Elementary School, VPI & SU College of Education, and the Nido de Aquila International School in Santiago, Chili, agreed to work together in an idea and personnel exchange program. Dr. Fred Brieve, Director of International Programs at VPI — SU, and Dr. Vincent McGugan, Regional Educational Officer for Overseas Schools, U. S. Dept. of State, working cooperatively with Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Arnold J. Saari, provided the stimulus in developing and implementing the exchange program.

Throughout his visit, Peyton worked closely with John Schlieman, Headmaster (equivalent to School Superintendent) of the Nido de Aquila International School, and Joan Larranaga, principal of the school, in providing programs of inservice to the instructional and support staffs.

At the request of the Headmaster, Peyton also observed and evaluated the total instructional program and personnel of the Chilean school.

Peyton's visit was the second educator exchange activity in the young exchange program between the schools.

The Nido de Aquila International School has approximately 900 students in grades kindergarten through twelve. Its educational program is accredited by the U. S. Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, and also meets the requirements of the Chilean Minister of Education. The student population includes about 50 percent Chilean, 35 percent United States dependents, and 15 percent other internationals. Their school year is 200 days, starting in February and ending in December, when their summer begins.

Future possibilities of relationships between the schools being explored are the exchanges of teachers, visitation and consultative services by Montgomery County Superintendent of Schools to the Chilean school, exchanging teaching materials, and a correspondence program involving students, teachers and administrators at both schools.

Eugene Peyton

Peyton served as Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools prior to accepting position with Montgomery County School Board.

Virginia Traffic Deaths Show A Continued Decline For First Three Months

Richmond, Va...185 traffic deaths for the first three months of 1977 in Virginia were below the 198 for the same period of 1976, Colonel D.M. Slane, Superintendent of State police, reported today.

Last year was the first time we have had four consecutive years of death reduction. We are down the first quarter of this year and apparently on our way to our fifth consecutive year. However, he added, the 1977 total is certain to be slightly higher due to late reports and deaths of persons now carried as injured.

Servicemen deaths were up from six to seven and those of pedestrians were down from 37 to 29. There were four motorcycle deaths as compared to three for the first three months of 1976, and five deaths of bicyclists in 1977 as against none in 1976.

Southside Electric Co-op Faces Wholesale Power Increase

"A new rate increase on the cost of wholesale electricity - purchased from Virginia Electric and Power Company by the Southside Electric Cooperative is scheduled to become effective in mid-summer", Charles S. Hooper, Jr., S.E.C. General Manager, said Monday.

This past Wednesday VEPCO notified the rural electric cooperatives that they propose to file an application for a wholesale rate increase based on cost-of-service for 1977 - it indicates that VEPCO needs $15,439,975 additional revenue from their wholesale power customers and that they propose to file an application for a rate increase for this amount with the Federal Power Commission on or after June 15, 1977 and request that the increased rate be allowed to become effective 30 days after this filing.

This can only mean an increase in cost of electricity to the 25,300 members of Southside Electric Cooperative. Approximately $1,500,000 - a 26.82% increase if the Federal Power Commission approves VEPCO'S request.

Southside Electric Cooperative operates on the Cooperative basis - a non-profit business, therefore, they must pass this on to their members as soon as feasible if the increase is approved. This will be done through the wholesale power cost adjustment to each member.

The last base rate increase S. E. C. received was in June, 1974. The State Corporation Commission approves each month the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment and surcharge which is also applied to the members bill. Because of continued growth in kilowatts used, new consumers, and efficient operation, the Cooperative has not had to ask for a rate increase because of inflated costs of operation, maintenance and higher interest rate on new money.

Mr. Hooper said, "Today we need more than ever to concentrate our efforts on the feasibility of developing new sources of energy for Virginians if we are to control the "now wholesale power rate". We need a better source of generating electricity for our member-consumers. The Randolph Hydroelectric Complex, if feasible, will provide Southside Virginia with an independent supply of electricity. If we are to protect our members from inflated wholesale power rates, we must continue to look for new sources of power generation."

"Stabilizing the cost of electricity for our members has been the major long term challenge before our Board of Directors for several years," he added.

"That is what prompted these steps taken by S. E. C. Manager to get the Randolph Hydroelectric Complex study permit from the Federal Power Commission last year", said Mr. Hooper.

"The S. E. C. members not only expect, but can depend on the Board of Directors and management to take every step necessary to hold the cost of wholesale electricity purchased from VEPCO to the very lowest rate possible, and also to use every effort in finalizing a feasible study project which can merit a work permit from the Federal Power Commission", Mr. Hooper concluded.

Ralph Parsons, Central District Scout Chairman, presents Key Five Award to Danny Garrett, Appomattox Troop 546 Scout Master, at Annual Awards Banquet.

Scout Master Receives Award

Danny Garrett, Scoutmaster of Troop 546, sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club received the Central District Scouting Key 5 award at the district annual recognition dinner last Thursday in Lynchburg. The award is given to the scout leader who in the opinion of the district executive committee has contributed to scouting personal efforts far exceeding what is generally expected in his registered position during the 1976-77 scouting year.

Danny certainly has done a super-job! Under his leadership troop 546 resumed scout meetings in May of last year with 6 boys; the troop has grown to over 30 boys to date. The troop committee has been reorganized and several assistant scout masters have been recruited. The troop attended summer camp last June at the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation. Troop 546 has attended all district camporees and won a scouting spirit award at the January Yukon Gold Rush! The boy leaders attended the annual district leadership training show & do. Danny also attends the monthly scout leader roundtables to keep up with current events & to learn new techniques. The district Key 5 realizes that many other people have contributed to the success of troop 546 and we thank the troop committee, the Assistant Scoutmasters, and Sue Garrett - Danny's wife for the understanding and support. We salute Danny Garrett, Scoutmaster of Troop 546. His leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication has made scouting come alive once again for Appomattox County Boys!!

Miss Appomattox Pageant Committee Announces Parade Grand Marshall

Mrs. Earl J. Hammer, Sr. of Schuyler, Virginia, mother of writer Earl J. Hamner, Jr., will be Grand Marshall of the Miss Appomattox Pageant Parade on Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m. in the Town of Appomattox.

Mrs. Hamner is the real "Mrs. Walton" from Walton's Mountain in Schuyler and the mother of Earl Hamner, Jr., "John Boy Walton." With the success of the long-running television program, "The Walton's, " Mrs. Hamner has become as sought after as her famous son. Many visitors have come to her door while winding through the tiny village of Schuyler and Mrs. Hamner has become noted for always being most gracious to each and every visitor.

In addition to being the parade's Grand Marshall, Mrs. Hamner will be the guest of honor at a tea given by Mr. and Mrs. H. Webster Babcock at their home, "Charmos" Saturday afternoon at 2:80 p.m.

Guests of the Appomattox Woman's Club for Saturday will also include Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson of Austin, Texas and her daughter Mrs. Chuck Robb of Charlottesville. They will be present for some of the festivities of the 1977 Miss Appomattox Pageant.

Mrs. Earl J. Hammer, Sr.

Elementary PTA To Sponsor Spaghetti Supper

The Appomatox Elementary School will sponsor a spaghetti supper at the school cafeteria Friday, April 22, 1977 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Price is $1.75 for adults and $1.00 for children, the meal also to include tossed salad and beverage (all you can eat). Proceeds are to be used for PTA sponsored projects. All are invited.

Crumbs For Thought

By: Zeke

Winston Churchill the great leader of Britian during World War II, was gifted with a voice that seemed to be able to quiet fear. When fear swept England in the days of the fearful "Blitz" of the German Air Force, his great words: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself", became the rallying point for these valiant people. Madam Curie said, "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is just misunderstood" The Bible says

"Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord. He is their help and their shield." Psalm 115:11

APRIL IS FUND DRIVE MONTH FOR GLADSTONE RESCUE SQUAD

The month of April is Fund Drive Month for the Gladstone Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Members of the Gladstone Rescue Squad will appreciate your contributions so that they may continue to render a service to their community.

Jr. Woman's Club Sponsor Paper Drive

The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a paper drive next Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the Farmers National Branch Bank in the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center.

Let's all clean out our basements or garages-get rid of all those newspapers, and help our community.